

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-14, 16-24, and 52-53 are currently pending. To facilitate prosecution, claim has been amended to incorporate the indicated-as-allowable subject matter of claims 15 and claim 22, indicated as having allowable subject matter, has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 15 have been canceled. Claims 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, and 24 have been amended for clarification purposes only. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-3, 12-14, and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Taylor, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0230934.

The Patent Office rejected claims 4-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of one or more of: Huang, U.S. Patent No. 6,618,841, and Wohl, U.S. Patent No. 6,148,436.

As claims 1 and 22 recite indicated-as-allowable subject matter and these are the only claims presented in independent form in this response, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to favorably consider and allow all of the pending claims 1, 3-14, 16-24, and 52-53 as now presented for examination. An early notification of the allowability of claims 1, 3-14, 16-24, and 52-53 is earnestly solicited.

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